



Kara (Bloomquist) Drekonja

CLASS OF 1992

Kara (Bloomquist) Drekonja was a three-sport letter winner in cross-country, Nordic skiing and track and field at Park High. In addition to earning All-Conference honors in cross-country and track, Kara qualified for the state meet in the 800 meter dash her senior year.

Kara went on to compete in both cross-country and track at Gustavus Adolphus College where she earned All-American honors and continues to hold numerous school records. Kara was inducted into the Gustavus Adolphus College Hall of Fame in October 2012 for Track and Field and Cross-Country. Currently, Kara is employed by Minneapolis VA Medical Center as a Research Nurse Coordinator. She is married to Dimitri Drekonja and has two sons, Andreas and Steffan.

Introduced by: Dean Houdek

Acceptance Remarks:

I am honored by this nomination. I have many fond memories of my time competing at Park - Mr. Houdek driving to make sure we had water on hot days, always encouraging and supporting us, and for nominating me. Mike Moran for countless hours talking about training and racing – he was such an incredible runner, coach and helped me become the runner I am. To my friends and all the fun we had running and racing. To my family, my mom, dad, brother and sister in law Sandi (who also ran with me on the Park track team) for their constant love and encouragement. They never missed races and were always there to celebrate the highs and support me through the lows. My dad, most of all, would have loved to see this. Lastly to my husband Dimitri, also a runner who I met on the Cross Country team at GAC, and my boys Andreas and Steffan who bring love and joy to my life always.”